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1. The Reichsbahn has created unrest among its employees by its attempt to introduce new work schedules. Opposition to the new system has taken the form of verbal outbursts in political orientation meetings, outbreaks of fighting between workers and police brigades, and attempts to continue operations under the former schedule even after it has been officially rejected. An unknown number of employees have quit their jobs rather than subject themselves to the new restrictions. Others, including personnel in high managerial positions, have been discharged for carrying on agitation or for slowness to cooperate.
2. The irritability of the workers in the eastern zone is indicated by the fact that the new railway schedules involved no great increase in the number of hours worked per week. The strong reaction of the workers was occasioned mainly by the inconvenience of starting hours and the length of the Sunday shifts.
3. The serious lack of Party discipline and control is evident in the attempts of the régime to deal with the situation. Individuals in responsible positions in the Reichsbahn have disagreed with Party orders and failed to indoctrinate the workers as to the need for the plan or its desirability. There is also some evidence of lack of cooperation between Party officials and the police forces. Under the present circumstances, the ability of the SED to institute more severe measures, aimed at increased performance by the workers, seems doubtful.

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